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Democracy still lives, neither disorganized nor reorganized.

It seems that Admiral Winfield Scott Schley has won the battle of Santiago twice.

Indianaizing of murderers will never become popular with people who prefer justice to partisanship.

What the governor of Kentucky said to the governor of Indiana was, in the language of the street, a-plenty.

We sympathized with struggling republics when we were small; is our sympathy less active now that we are big?

Would England express sympathy with the Filipinos if our president were to express sympathy with the Boers?

It may be that the democratic roosters are saving up their voices for a grand celebration after the congressional elections of 1902.

We sincerely hope that the franchise grabbers and tax eaters of San Francisco will be made to dance lively to the music made by Mayor Schmitz.

It will be noted that those democratic organs which lend aid and comfort to the republican party are not mourning over democratic defeat in several states.

"What are we going to do, eh?" queries Rudyard Kipling in his latest poetic effusion anent the Boer war. Candidly, Rudyard, we do not know, unless it be that you grin and bear it.

The vote of Philadelphia indicates that the taxpayers of that city dearly love to be robbed of millions by republican ringsters, and the taxpayers certainly get plenty of that which they love.

A reader of *The Commoner* asks what relation Porto Rico and the Sandwich Islands are to the United States. Porto Rico is a subject territory enjoying such local self-government as the president and congress choose to give, and has no representative in congress. The Sandwich Islands

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stand in the position of a territory and have a representative in congress.

The astute republican leader who once remarked that "democracy is most dangerous when apparently the nearest dead," should be invited into republican headquarters for consultation.

Since the break of those Leavenworth convicts for liberty Captain Carter has been at work on the plans of a new prison. There seems to be something approaching retribution in this sort of thing.

Success is a fabric whose warp and woof are preparation and opportunity. The preparation is, to a large extent, within one's own keeping; the opportunity is a thing over which he exercises less control.

We gather from the reading of several valued British exchanges that the Boers are cruel and inhuman and entitled to no mercy because they insist upon carrying on the war along lines laid down by the British.

If William Goebel had been a republican, and if Taylor were a democrat, does any one imagine for a moment that Governor Durbin would be so wonderfully concerned about the kind of justice meted out in Kentucky?

"All cry and no price for wool" is a slight variation from the old saying, but its truth will not be disputed by wool growers who were quite sure the Dingley tariff would make wool grow on the backs of hydraulic rams.

The substitution of Lord Roberts for Gladstone in the thoughts and reverence of the English imperialists marks the difference between the swagger of modern colonialism and Christian statesmanship. Shall we imitate Great Britain?

After securing control of New York city by advocating fusion and retaining control of Philadelphia by denouncing fusion, the republican managers are in a position to either advocate or denounce in other parts of the country as their interests may seem to warrant.

The Nebraska Independent (which is included in our clubbing proposition) is one of the leading populist papers in the United States. It is ably edited and populist readers of *The Commoner* will do well to take advantage of its free sample copy offer to be found on the twelfth page.

The cable reports that Earl Rosslyn of Great Britain has perfected a system and will proceed to use it for the purpose of breaking the bank at Monte Carlo. When Earl Rosslyn departs from British shores his friends should bid him goodbye and recommend that he take care of himself.

The average republican congressman takes it as a personal affront to have any one suggest methods for reducing the surplus. He is well aware that the powers that be have some schemes a-foot guaranteed to reduce the surplus with amazing rapidity. There is the ship subsidy, for instance.

It is with diffidence and considerable hesitation that *The Commoner* begs leave to ask the Chicago Chronicle if republican victory in New Jersey—victory in face of the victory won by the "reorganizers" in the democratic state convention—will have any effect on Mr. Cleveland's standing as a party leader.

In his letter to Governor Durbin, Governor Beckham gave ample evidence of his thorough independence of the Ready Letter Writer so familiar

on center tables in the best homes about a generation ago. Governor Beckham not only writes entertainingly, but he writes as one having a purpose and ability to carry it out.

The fusion candidate for mayor of New York was supported by every influential morning newspaper but one and triumphantly elected. The fusion candidates in Philadelphia were supported by every influential morning newspaper save one and were hopelessly defeated. Does this argue for or against fusion? Or does it argue for or against the worth of daily newspaper support?

The Dubuque Telegraph and the Dubuque Herald have been consolidated under the name of the Telegraph-Herald. John S. Murphy, for many years editor of the Telegraph, continues as editor of the Telegraph-Herald. As long as John S. Murphy edits a newspaper in Iowa the true democracy of that state is guaranteed an able exponent and defender.

In the last issue of *The Commoner* the readers were notified that a subscriber could secure a three months' extension of his own subscription by sending in one dollar for a new subscriber. It will be gratifying to the readers to know that some have already taken advantage of this offer, one subscriber sending in eighteen names and thus securing an extension of three years and a half for himself.

A reader of *The Commoner* inquires where he can find the platforms of the various parties. A pamphlet entitled "The Platform Text-Book," contains the Declaration of Independence, the constitution of the United States, and all the platforms of all the parties up to and including last year. This book can be secured for 25 cents by addressing the Vincent Publishing Co., 612 So. 17th st., Omaha, Neb.

Senator Lodge wants a navy so strong that "no foreign nation will dare to attack us." If we had followed the course mapped out by the founders of the republic there would never have been any imminent danger of attack from foreign nations. It is only after we became a "world power" in the direction of land grabbing and foreign intrigue that we became involved in danger of attack from foreign powers.

The Commoner believes in giving credit to whom credit is due, and therefore it takes great pleasure in mentioning with commendation and hearty approval the determination of President Roosevelt to use horses whose tails have not been docked. His opposition to the cruel practice which prevails in fashionable society is praiseworthy, and, while it may not entirely offset the decorations which he has given his coachmen and footmen, it ought to be considered by the jury "together with all the other evidence in the case."

As an evidence of the aristocratic tendency which is manifesting itself in some parts of the country, attention is called to a College of Heraldry which has recently been established. The reason given for this college is "the increasing interest of families of distinction in tracing their ancestry to the earliest known settlers in the United States and their connection with those who had their origin in the British Isles or on the continent of Europe." It is stated that "by far the majority of these families are found to have borne coats of arms." "Families of distinction" are encouraged by the assurance that "the researches indicated are usually found to establish the pedigree of applicants, often giving conclusive evidence of the arms borne by ancestors and lost in obscurity in consequence of the prejudice which formerly existed in this country against the use of armorial bearings."